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**Ribbon Cutting and Launch of New Simulation Lab
At El Camino College Compton Center**

El Camino College Compton Center is hosting the much anticipated ribbon cutting and launch of a new wireless, high fidelity, human patient simulation lab. This will take place at Compton Center on Thursday, April 23 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in room E-50.

The simulation lab has the look and feel of a hospital unit. The wireless lab consists of three adults, a child, a newborn and a birthing simulator. The “patients” include “Big Hal,” an adult with male and female attributes who is used for trauma situations and emergency team training; “Noelle,” a woman about to give birth; “Little Hal,” a child, and an infant. The most advanced wireless human patient simulator is “iStan.” He closely mimics the anatomical workings of the human body to such a level of realism that he actually breathes, cries, sweats and bleeds. iStan is also the most famous as he has appeared on *Grey’s Anatomy* and *The Doctors*.

The wireless patient simulators make it possible to generate simulated care experiences from basic assessment to complex multi-organ failure. They may be programmed to perform complex scenarios and respond physiologically to the interventions, or lack thereof, applied in real time. A sequence of events may be created for students at all levels of the nursing program and in a variety of treatment areas—psychology, obstetrics, pediatrics, medical and surgical. A student may even experience a healthy patient waiting for an elective surgery start to deteriorate.

Wanda Morris, dean of health and human services and assistant director of nursing at Compton Center, says: “We provide an individualized approach to meet the needs of each student. The simulation lab will prepare our nursing students with real life experiences so they may perform more effectively and confidently in a clinical setting and in a ‘code blue’ emergency situation. Each of the scenarios are curriculum driven and focus on didactic disease processes.”

Meta Simmons, a nursing instructor, says: “Students profit from the experience in the simulation lab as it is not as intimidating as a clinical setting. Their actions and reactions are taped to view and debrief. Students appreciate the experience of providing their own critique.”

For information about the nursing program or the ribbon cutting, call Kayla Ellis at 310-900-1600, ext. 2700.

El Camino College Compton Center is accredited and serving the educational needs of our community. Students can earn an associate degree, transfer to a four-year university or receive career training. Fees are only \$20 per unit. The college catalog, class schedule, evening and weekend college offerings are available in-person or online at www.compton.edu. Compton Center is located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA; 310-900-1600.

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